

CONSUMERS' LEAGUE PLANS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF WARES

District Branch Elects Five
Vice President—Cam-
paign Outlined.

Five honorary vice presidents have been named by the Consumers' League of the District, a branch of the national organization which is fighting for better conditions in stores, shops and factories. The honorary vice presidents include one of Washington's most famous women, Miss Mabel Boardman, executive head of the American National Red Cross. Mrs. Charles E. Hughes, wife of the Supreme Court justice, is another, and so is Mrs. Ernest Roberts, wife of the Congressman. Mrs. Charles A. Goldsmith, an earnest worker in behalf of many District philanthropies, is a fourth vice president, and another is Miss Amarielis Gillett, prominent in Washington society.

Some well-known names appear in the list of the Advisory board. These are the Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, bishop of Washington; Dr. Henry T. Harris, Charles E. Kern, Prof. William J. Kerby, A. J. McKelway, Judge Julian T. Mack, of the Commerce Court; Dr. Charles E. Nell, Commissioner of Labor, and the Rev. John Van Schick, Jr.

Want Labeled Goods.
The first efforts of the league, which was organized a short time ago, with Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley as president, are being directed toward urging Washington shops to carry a full stock of labeled goods, wares which bear the label of the National Consumers' League, signifying that the articles have been made under sanitary conditions and not in sweat shops. The object of this

label campaign is twofold: To benefit the factory worker and to protect consumers against diseases like tuberculosis.

Later the local league will prepare a "white list" of Washington shopping places, naming the "best and most sanitary selling places." The league does not deal at all with such questions as clerks' wages or hours of work.

The National Consumers' League concerns itself with conditions among the workers in knitting mills and so forth, and what its white label guarantees the purchaser is told members of the local branch in a circular just sent them.

What It Guarantees.
This statement is as follows:
Even if you do not wish to commit yourself to buy only labeled goods, please give them the preference, if possible, for the Consumers' League label guarantees the following conditions in the factories:

1.—That the State factory law is obeyed.
2.—That all goods are made on premises approved by the league, i. e., no home finishing or sweatshop work.
3.—That there is no overtime work (i. e., more than ten hours a day is considered overtime).
4.—That children under sixteen are not employed.

**New Supreme Court
Rules Now in Effect**

New rules of the Supreme Court, which were announced some weeks ago, went into effect yesterday. The purpose of the new rules is to facilitate court business. Attorneys for plaintiffs must file briefs three weeks before their cases are called for oral argument. Attorneys for defendants must file briefs one week before the cases are called for argument.

The clerk of the court is instructed to receive no briefs where counsel has not served copies on the opposing counsel. No briefs will be received after a case has been argued orally.

CURLS AND SOCIETY HANDICAP TO GIRLS, DECLARES TEACHER

Says They Could Master
Mathematics If They Would
Let Their Hair Alone.

"If the girls in the high schools will let their hair alone and stop thinking about social functions, they can do algebra as well as the boys," declared a prominent teacher of mathematics in the high schools today.

The measures advocated by the different educational societies which have been in convention during the past week and have proposed the radical changes in doing away with algebra, have gone a step too far," continued the teacher. It has long been advocated that girls be allowed to get high school diplomas without taking mathematics, and many educators have recently come to the front with the idea of taking algebra from the curriculum. Dr. Seldon, commissioner of education in Massachusetts, advanced the idea of making the courses complete without algebra, and strongly defended his position.

That algebra and mathematics of a higher order is useless to the majority of men and women is the stand taken, and the Association of Teachers of

Mathematics has begun an active campaign to inquire into the changes which should be adopted in the elementary, high schools, and colleges.

Teachers of mathematics in the Middle and Atlantic States have been asked by Isaac Schwab, dean of mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, to submit suggestions based on the experience as to what changes should be advocated.

Prominent graduates of schools and colleges in commercial and industrial life will be asked to submit their ideas on the value of practical mathematics so that the whole scheme can be taken up at the next meeting of the association.

**Police Seek Man Who
Fired at Conductor**

The police today are endeavoring to get trace of the colored man who, last night, fired two shots at Thomas Davis, conductor on a Chevy Chase car.

Davis and the colored man had trouble because of the latter's actions. The colored man, it is said, presented a transfer that had been punched several hours earlier, and the conductor refused to take it.

At Cathedral avenue the colored man got off the car, drew a revolver, and fired two shots at the conductor. The shots went wild. Davis and several passengers jumped from the car and started after the colored man. He escaped in the darkness.

Saves Mother.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 2.—Her skirts igniting from a big fire under a boiler while she was assisting at a big butchering at her home, Mrs. Calvin Schaeffer of this town, narrowly escaped being burned to death today. Her son, Harrison Schaeffer, who responded to her screams, promptly threw some carpets around her bleeding form and extinguished the flames.

PROGRESS NOTED IN MOVEMENT FOR RETIRING CLERKS

Believed Action in Massa-
chusetts Will Have Benefi-
cial Bearing.

The opening of the New Year finds material progress made in the cause of retirement and pension legislation for Government clerks.

Interesting in this connection is the news from Boston to the effect that the first retirement system for State employees to be established in this country was put into effect in Massachusetts today.

It is regarded as certain that the system established in Massachusetts will receive much attention from Senators and members of the House. The Committee of One Hundred hopes to do much effective work in promoting the legislation as soon as Congress reassembles.

Senator Cummins, chairman of the Senate Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment, is expected from Iowa in two or three days, prepared to introduce his bill for the relief of Government employees. He held conferences with the President's economy and efficiency commission before he departed, and had the bill nearly ready for introduction. The fact that Massachusetts has

blazed the way in putting a retirement system for State employees in force makes it of some moment that this State is well represented on the Civil Service Committee of the Senate and House. Senator Lodge is a member of the Senate Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment, and Congressman Gillett is a member of the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service in the House.

**Encouragement Given
The School Teachers**

That there are indications that salaries for school teachers will be increased and that the prospects for the retirement of teachers when usefulness is past are encouraging, is the optimistic forecast of the Bureau of Education in a forthcoming pamphlet.

Because of legislation in 1911 and the friendliness of State Legislatures, the board holds out much encouragement for the teachers.

**Rites for Veteran
At Soldiers' Home**

Funeral services for William H. Reger, veteran of the civil war, who died at the Soldiers' Home Hospital of pneumonia, at the age of sixty-seven years, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the chapel there. The Rev. H. A. Griffith, Protestant chaplain, officiated. Interment was in the Home Cemetery.

PENSION QUESTION SOON WILL BE BIG ISSUE IN SENATE

Bill to Substitute Sherwood
Measure Will Be Acted
Upon.

The pension question will become a burning one in the Senate soon after the reopening of the session of Congress.

The Senate Pension Committee will not seek to amend the Sherwood pension bill, which was passed by the House. Instead, the Senate committee will report on an entirely new bill, Senator McCumber probably will offer it as an amendment to the law of 1906, which provides for pensions at full rates, beginning with sixty-two years of age.

It is calculated the Senate bill would carry expenditures of not over \$10,000,000. The Sherwood bill would carry more than this.

A canvass of the Senate situation indicates that the Sherwood bill cannot pass that body.

Odd Engagement.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 2.—An odd task was engaged to Mrs. Josephine Task from the time he brought a plan at her head until the office opened. Then the engagement ended and Task died.

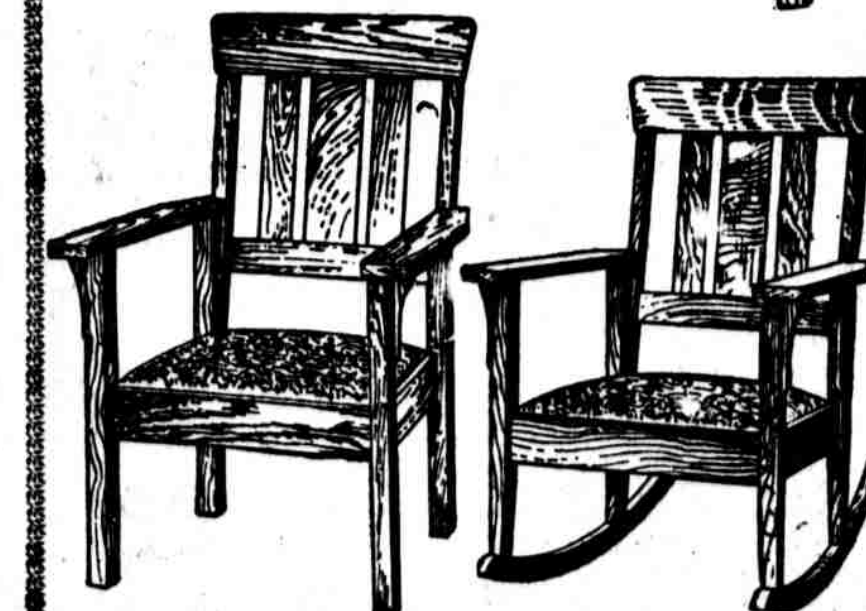
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